In the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method for managing tasks comprising:

a message manager operating at a high priority level receiving a message from a remote administrator within system firmware to launch a low priority task;

said message manager placing a message in a data structure shared between said message manager and a task manager operating at a low priority level;

said message manager communicating said low priority task to said task manager through said data structure, wherein the step of communicating said low priority task to said task manager includes setting a flag for signaling receipt of said message and said task manager reading said message in said data structure and launching said low priority task in response to said flag;

launching said low priority task received from said message manager in response to receipt of said message and absent a suspension selected from the group consisting of: a system interrupt and a pause in a higher level task operation; and

resetting said flag following launch of said low priority task.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of launching said lower priority task includes an agent.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving said message from said remote administrator includes a dispatcher.

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9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said message manager maintains a level of operation.

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25. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method comprising:

receiving a message from a remote administrator within system firmware to launch a low priority level task, wherein receipt of said message is by a message manager operating at a higher priority level than said low priority level task;

storing said message in a data structure shared between said message manager and a task manager operating at a low priority level;

communicating said low priority level task to said task manager through said data structure;

setting a flag to indicate receipt of said message in said data structure to said task manager;

reading said message in said data structure and launching said low priority level task in response to said flag by task manager including said task manager launching said low priority level task received from said message manager in response to said message and absent a suspension selected from the group consisting of: a system interrupt and a pause in a higher level task operation; and

resetting said flag following launch of said low priority level task.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising said message manager maintaining a level of operation.